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SUBJECT: TRADE ACTION AGAINST U.S. CORN GLUTEN FEED

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On April 15, Lenka Truchla of the Ministry of Agriculture's Department of Foodstuffs and Nutrition reported to econoff that the GOS would probably abstain from the EU Standing Regulatory Committee for Food and Animal Health's vote to impose a certification requirement on imports of U.S. corn gluten. The GOS would like additional information on this subject and feels that the EU has rushed into action without sufficient explanation of its rationale.

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